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COMMENT OF THE DAY

REBELS' IN RED CAMP

WHEN Yugoslavia was expelled from the Cominform in 1948 it was thought that Marshal Tito had come to the chasm at the end of the Communist road. But, oddly enough, Marshal Tito did not obey Stalin and what is more he refused to knuckle under to the Communist ideological leader in the Kremlin. This act of lese-majeste did nothing to enhance his prestige and it can only be concluded that world opinion and Western warnings dissuaded the Soviet Union from taking positive action against the rebel in the Communist camp. Threats there were in plenty; the Moscow satire rattled in its scabbard, but the outcome was only a battle of words and Marshal Tito stuck to his own brand of Communism—despite repeated warnings from the Kremlin.

Heal Breach
TIME appeared to heal the breach to some degree and in June 1955 after the death of Stalin Marshal Tito went to Moscow for consultations with the Soviet leaders, apparently in the hope that he could persuade them that both shades of red would not clash. Marshal Tito returned from that meeting in the Communist Mecca satisfied that he had converted the misguided and confused worshippers of Stalinist idols to the true Marxist faith. However much Marshal Tito may have undertaken to minimise disagreements and soft-pedal his criticism of Russia, there is no convincing evidence that he intended to give away anything of substance. And if the Marshal's manoeuvres west of the Iron Curtain are measured against his manoeuvres east of it, the two will be found to pretty well cancel out. This is not surprising if two basic facts about the Yugoslav Government are borne in mind.

More Pleasant
THE first is that it is, first, last and all the time a Communist regime and certainly more pleasant than most while the second basic fact about the Yugoslav regime is that it is determined to remain independent of any other Power, including Russia. Evidence of this latter fact has been only too well illustrated at the current Yugoslav Communist conference in Ljubljana where two top leaders have lashed out against Kremlin policies and tactics. Moscow has been told very bluntly that Yugoslavia will not tolerate interference in its own affairs.

However, this snub to the Russians cannot be interpreted as a swing towards the West. The Yugoslavs can complain, with some justice, that the West is too prone to turn a searching and suspicious eye on their relations with the Communist camp and a blind eye on any move that emphasises their independence.

In Your Saturday Mail

JOHN LUFF concludes his forthright, comment raising, personal dossier on "THE LAST DAYS OF SHANGHAI".

Other articles in your 20-page weekend China Mail

- ★ **EXPERT UNDER FIRE**...accounts of the tensest moments in the history of London's criminal courts... by Edgar Lustgarten;
 - ★ **LONDON DRAMAS**...historic moments...by Peter Graham;
 - ★ **RACE TO RICHES**...how those who did it, made the leap from poverty to wealth and fame...by John Cottrell;
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- And racing tips, social pictures of the week, films, and all your favourite features in the prize package for a "wet" or "shine" Hongkong weekend.

HK POLICE SMASH DRUG RING

Smuggling Narcotics Into US Ports

Detectives of the Hongkong Police, Narcotics Division, recently smashed a large international ring of drug smugglers operating out of the Colony into American ports. Working in conjunction with the United States Customs authorities, the Hongkong Police have arrested a number of persons in the Colony, while eight persons in the United States have already been detained.

Paratroopers To Continue War Games

Ft Campbell, Apr. 24. Some 7,000 Ft Campbell paratroopers in Kentucky are scheduled to jump on Saturday in continuing war games, despite a training tragedy yesterday in which five paratroopers were killed and 137 injured. The killed and injured in the mass jump of 1,200 men yesterday were dragged by their billowing parachutes over rough terrain dotted with trees. The Public Information Officer said today that "Saturday's jump has not been cancelled. It is still scheduled."

The Saturday drop is scheduled to take place over Suckan Drop Zone, where yesterday's tragedy occurred. No additional details of the scheduled drop can be released because of "training security," the PIO officer said.

TORTURE ALLEGED

Singapore, Apr. 24. The Singapore Legislative Assembly today rejected a call for a commission of inquiry into allegations that police had tortured left-wing political prisoners. An independent member made the call in a motion alleging police tied up, punched, and gave electric shocks and "freezing" treatment to four members of the leftist People's Action Party last autumn.

The Chief Secretary, Mr. E. David, said the allegations had already been investigated and the Attorney-General had decided there were no grounds for proceeding with the complaints.—Reuter.

WOMAN TRIES TO FORCE WAY TO IKE

Washington, Apr. 24. Secret Service agents grabbed a struggling, screaming woman who approached today shouting: "I have to get to him." The President who looked dumbfounded, said "I'm sorry" as agents hustled the slight, red-haired woman into a car and took her to a Secret Service field office.

The woman was identified as Mrs. Edith Finch of Brookline, Massachusetts. She was taken to the District of Columbia Hospital afterwards for observation. The incident occurred as President and Mrs. Eisenhower were leaving the Smithsonian Institution where they had viewed a group of paintings by Sir Winston Churchill. The Secret Service said the woman was not armed.

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Violence In General Strike

Colombo, Apr. 24. Violence erupted today in the two-day general strike of public service workers. Two bombs were thrown when three bombs were thrown into a harbour engineer's workshop. A bomb was also thrown into a postal van but no one was injured.

Armed police dispersed pickets outside the Colombo General Post Office. The strike centre shifted from the Government sector to the private sector when workers in response to an appeal of the Ceylon Trade Union Federation, which claims a membership of 25,000.

PORT UNION

The Communist-controlled Port Union also called a strike of its 4,000 harbour workers. Armoured cars patrolled Colombo streets. Skeleton staffs, protected by the police, were at work in Government offices.

Prime Minister S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike said that the Government has taken strong action because a strike of public servants was unjustifiable, irresponsible and hardly in keeping with the principle of trade unionism.—United Press.

Rebels Claimed To Have Retaken Port Of Padang

Singapore, Apr. 24. The rebel Central Sumatran radio claimed tonight insurgent troops had retaken Teluk Bayur, Port of Padang.

DEATH OF MALENKOV FALSE?

Warsaw, Apr. 24. A high official of the Soviet Embassy here said tonight that he did not believe that former Soviet Premier, Georgi Malenkov, has died, as rumoured in the West.

The official made the statement in reply to reporters' questions at a reception given by Polish President, Alexander Zawadzki, in honour of visiting Soviet President, Klement Voroshilov. Other Soviet officials at the reception also said they believed the report of Malenkov's death was false.

One Dead In Election Clash

Karachi, Apr. 24. One man was killed and about 30 people—including 14 policemen—were injured in a clash outside a polling booth here today during Karachi's first municipal corporation elections for five years.

Fighting developed when a crowd tried to force its way into a women's polling booth, provided under traditional Muslim sex segregation. Police said the electoral staff fled in panic, and the polling booth had to be closed for the rest of the day.

Stones were thrown and one man attacked a police inspector with a knife, the inspector fired and injured his attacker and also killed another man nearby. Police were injured by stones and knives, and the civilians by steel-tipped bamboo staves carried by the police.—Reuter.

Britain's Nuclear Tests

PACIFIC DANGER AREA REPORTED

London, Apr. 25. Britain is today reported to have declared a 37,000-square-mile area of the Pacific "dangerous due to the test of a nuclear weapon from April 26."

The News Chronicle said that this warning to shipping about a new Christmas Island test has been issued by the Admiralty and the Foreign Office. Informal sources had expected such a warning but no confirmation could be obtained of it early today from the Admiralty or Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence.

THE BIGGEST

According to the News Chronicle, Britain will start within the next week "the biggest hydrogen bomb testing programme ever held in the Pacific."

The newspaper's science writer said that he understands British plans to test up to three hydrogen bombs. One will be the "warhead for the 2,500-mile rocket being developed in this country."

Old Shells Blow Up Children

Meauboe, Apr. 24. Five children—the youngest aged five and the oldest 13—were killed today when a shell left over from the German invasion of France exploded in their faces.

Four of the children died outright and a fifth died in a hospital. A sixth child was badly injured. In Budapest, an exploding World War II shell killed six children and injured three others seriously, the Budapest newspaper Magyar Nemzet said today.

It said that a group of children aged between five and 15 years found the shell in a wood near Bonyhaz, south of Budapest.—United Press.

Plane Flies By Flapping Wings

Hanover, Apr. 24. A small prototype aircraft designed to fly by flapping plastic wings was shown to the press here today prior to exhibition at the Hanover Industries Fair.

The aircraft, called an ornithopter by its designer Herr Walter Filler, uses a small jet for taking off. Once airborne, the designer says, the power driven wings will take over. The prototype, which has not yet flown, is claimed to have a cruising speed of about 60 miles-an-hour and will sell for about £2,600.—China Mail Special.

SIR ALEXANDER



ON HOW TO PREVENT ASIA GOING RED

Boston, Apr. 24. Sir Alexander Grantham, former Governor of Hongkong, said today "a Marshall Plan aid programme could prevent Asia from slipping into the Communist fold."

Sir Alexander said that as a long-term investment it would benefit the Western powers to assist under-developed Asian countries. "They need help from the outside and they will look to Russia if we do not help them."

Of China he said, "I do not expect, in the foreseeable future, any break between Russia and China. Nor do I see anything that points to an internal revolt."

He thought China would be eventually recognised by the United Nations. **THE KEY** India, Sir Alexander thought, holds the key as to whether Asia will go Communist.

"India has learned the workings of the Free World and stresses the importance of the individual in its policy. This cannot be said for China. Asians are watching these two, India and China, to see which will succeed. If India fails and finally turns to Communism, so will the other smaller countries in Asia. Thus we must give them all the assistance possible to prove to the rest of Asia the benefits of the Free World."

United Press. **Merger** Washington, Apr. 24. President Eisenhower today sent to Congress a proposal for merging the Office of Defence Mobilisation, the Government's Strategic Stockpiling Agency, with the Federal Civil Defence Administration, for economy and efficiency reasons.—Reuter.

Governor Takes Over Malta

Valletta, Apr. 24. The Governor of Malta, Sir Robert Laycock, tonight banned all demonstrations and public meetings in Valletta and took over control of the Maltese civil service and day-to-day administration. Earlier he had formally accepted the resignation of Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister, and his cabinet after talks during which they were unable to assure the Governor that they could maintain law and order if they remained in office.

To Dissolve

The Governor is expected to dissolve Parliament tomorrow and call department heads together to ascertain the position of the civil administration; what money is required for payment of salaries and wages to government employees; and how law and order can be maintained. If the Governor decided good administration can continue to be conducted he will not assume emergency powers. It is understood. His ban on demonstrations and public meetings in Valletta and Floriana takes effect from today until May 8. This will outlaw a mass meeting planned for tomorrow by the General Workers Union, which supports Mr Mintoff. It also means British troops and families may be allowed to enter Valletta again, after a week-long ban.—Reuter.

Want Police Head Removed

Valletta, Apr. 24. Malta's Labour Ministers today called for the removal of the Malta Police Commissioner, Mr V. B. De Gray, who last night ordered his men to break up Labour Party demonstrations.

They announced over the local radio relay system that they had decided to advise the Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, to dismiss Mr De Gray under powers given him by the local Police Ordinance. Mr Lennox-Boyd spoke to Mr De Gray by telephone this afternoon, expressing full confidence in him. The Police Commissioner was given a great ovation by his officers and men when this became known at police headquarters.—Reuter.

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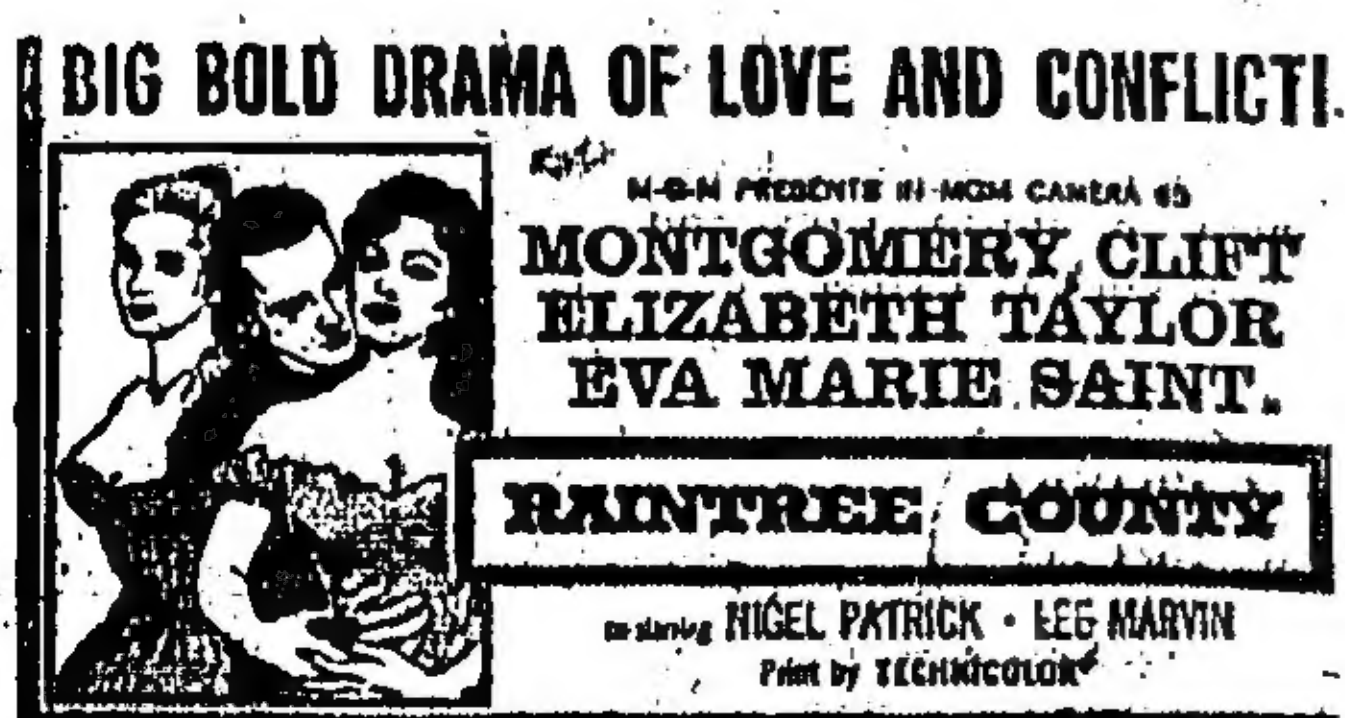
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New Era Coming, Soekarno Warns The West

Djakarta, Apr. 24.

President Soekarno declared tonight that Socialism is "a historical certainty" and that Capitalism and Imperialism are destined to fall.

"Only those blind to history cannot see the new era coming," he said in a speech at an anti-Colonialism rally marking the third anniversary of the Bandung conference of Asian and African nations in 1955.

Not once did the President mention the fighting on Sumatra where his forces, driving through the Tapanuli District in the West of the island, occupied the key rebel seaport of Sibolga.

The rebels there put up only token resistance and left behind some arms.

The capture of Sibolga, about 200 miles north of Padang, means that the loyalist forces, starting from Medan in the north, cut from East to West across the entire island.

However, Maj. Gen. Abdul Harris Nasution, Chief of Staff of the Army, said at the same rally that "foreign warships" were in waters off the rebel-held part of Celebes island. Government forces were expected to attack in Celebes once the Sumatran rebellion is put down.

ARMS

"Arms we have tried to buy for years were presented to the rebels," Nasution asserted. Nasution said that "foreign subversions" have supplied arms, planes, and pilots to the rebel side. He did not mention any country but the Army previously had charged that American-made weapons, which had originated in Taiwan, were air-dropped.

Soekarno told an overflow crowd of 4,000 persons at Merdeka Palace that "friends visible in the 20th Century are the trend of emergence of Socialist nations and the trend of emergence of independent nations of Asia and Africa."

He warned the West against attempts to block the surge of Nationalism.

The Asian and African countries, he added, faced dangers that were brought on by the Capitalistic system.

DANGER

"The danger of the A-bomb and the H-bomb—all born of Capitalistic system—should be wiped out," he said. "We can achieve our ideals."

People living in 13 Socialist nations total one-third of the human race, he said. "Add to this the people of new Asian and African nations, and those still fighting for independence, and you have a total of 2,400,000,000," he added. "Isn't this an indication of the times?"

"Only if the people of Asia and Africa walk together in co-operation will we be able to overcome the suffering of hundreds of years," Soekarno said.

Nasution told the crowd that foreign warships had also lurked in the Sumatran area when the government opened all-out military operations against the rebels.

"Colonialistic elements gladly use the rebels to attack the spirit of national independence," he said.

He also said that the Dutch were attempting to strengthen their position in West New Guinea now that they thought the Indonesian government's attention had been diverted.

"Any intervention will be faced properly," he said.

Nasution said that 2,000 pieces of military equipment that had been supplied to the rebels were turned over to the Darul Islam Movement at Atjeh, North Sumatra.—United Press.

I Want An Explanation! Says Sir Bernard

The Dockers Spend Last Night On Riviera

Cannes, Apr. 24.

Blonde British socialite Lady Docker and her wealthy industrialist husband, Sir Bernard Docker, who have both been banished from the pocket state of Monaco and the French Riviera, spent their last night on the Mediterranean playground—in the Casino here.

"With champagne, of course," Sir Bernard said before they left their hotel.

Tomorrow they are expected to fly back to London.

The expulsion order becomes effective at midnight tomorrow.

Lady Docker was banished from Monaco—ruled by Prince Rainier, husband of the former Hollywood film star Grace Kelly—on Tuesday for tearing up a tiny paper Monagasque flag.

Prince Rainier's government today issued an official communique explaining why the expulsion order made against Lady Docker had also been applied to her husband.

The communique said Sir Bernard, who had been present at the time, had "not seen fit to show any disapproval or opposition and had expressed no regret about this offensive attitude."

Asked to comment on today's Monaco expatriation explaining why he had been banished from the tiny principality, Sir Bernard said:

"The Monagasques seem to be acting with their usual incomprehension. 'What was I meant to prevent my wife from doing if she was doing no harm?'"

He said a "little sense and a little courtesy" on the part of a palace official "would have prevented all this."

Questioned about reports that he was planning legal action, he said: "All I can say at the moment is that I want an explanation—and I want it quickly."—Reuter.

Island For Australia

London, Apr. 24.

A bill to place Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean under the authority of Australia was given an unopposed second reading—agreement in principle—in the House of Lords today.

The island, not to be confused with Christmas Island in the Pacific where British conducts her nuclear tests, was annexed by the British crown in 1888.—Reuter.

Polls In China

Peking, Apr. 24.

Elections at basic levels are now in progress in nine of the ten counties or cities throughout China, the New China News Agency announced tonight.—France Press.

The Treasure Hunt Goes On In Malaya

Ipooh, Apr. 24.

THE "Suzuki" treasure syndicate of Singapore businessmen is stepping up its hunt for lost Japanese treasure worth according to popular legend, about \$235,000 sterling, buried here by the retreating Japanese army.

According to the legend the burial of the treasure was supervised by an intelligence officer who masqueraded under the name of Suzuki.

The syndicate has been searching for the treasure for more than two months. After working over an area adjacent to the sea wall with an American mine detector, they dug three holes, and today started on the fourth.

This is the syndicate's second attempt on the loot.—Reuter.

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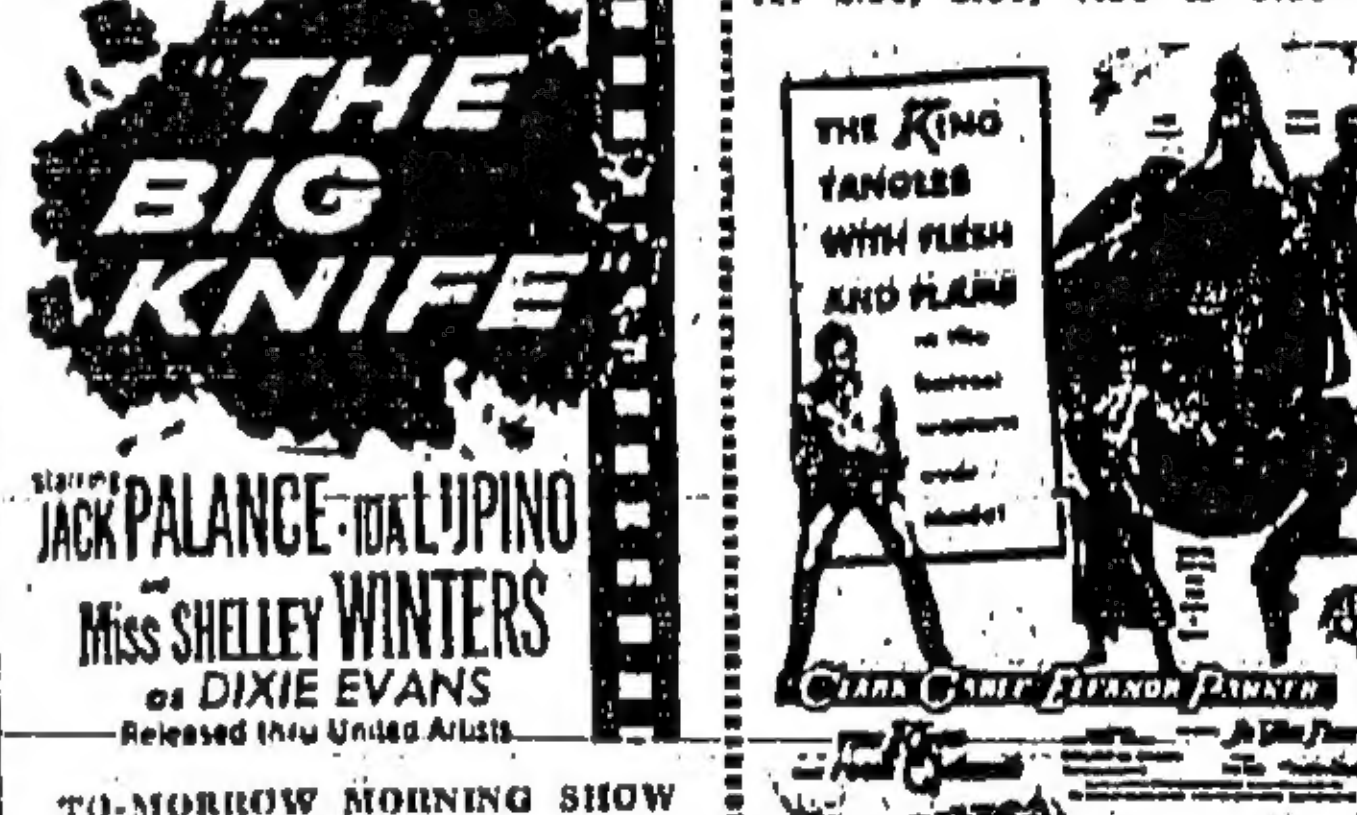


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Tengku's Advice To Newly-Weds

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 24.

Malaya's Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman took time out today to give advice on a successful marriage.

Speaking at a reception at the wedding of the niece of Malaya's High Commissioner in India, S. Chelvasingam, the Prime Minister said he agreed with the six-point British plan for a successful marriage, but he would like to see certain amendments adopted by Malaysian newly-weds.

The six-point marriage plan proposed by British doctor Dick Glover in the British Medical Association booklet advises:

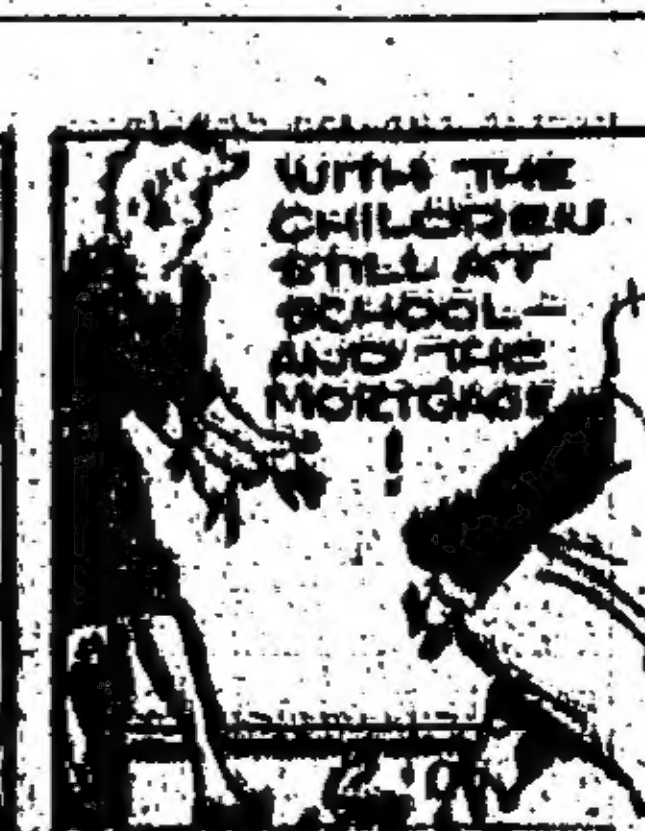
1. Start with a little something behind you; 2. Tell your wife how much you love her; 3. Make her a regular allowance; 4. Choose friends from among those who care what you do; 5. Have a sense of proportion about spending; 6. Save for emergencies.

Rahman said this advice was excellent for Malaysian couples but he said husbands must also be given a chance. He said wives should be told of spending, but husbands should make allowances as there would be a "rebate" for the rainy days.

He added, however, "regular allowances for the wife can be done liberally, as one can always be sure of borrowing it from her."

The Prime Minister admitted he himself had not found it necessary to practice the six points but added laughingly that he thought he should in order to make his marriage a "success."

—United Press.



CABLE BRIEFS

Osaka, Apr. 24.
If there's one thing Japanese can get really angry about, it's politeness.

Fifteen movie patrons were quietly philosophical throughout the hour they were trapped together in a stuck theatre elevator.

But when they got out and found that not a single theatre official had stayed behind to apologise for the inconvenience, they staged a sit-down strike in the manager's office until he was routed out of bed, came back and said—politely—he was sorry.—United Press.

Atlanta, Apr. 24.
Lloyd B. Bowman, 21, just dropped in at the police station for a chat with Detective B. D. Duncan.

As they talked, a "wanted" bulletin blared on the police radio.
Duncan took a look, found a man on his visitor, and escorted him to a cell.—United Press.

Chesapeake, Apr. 24.
The local Road Safety Committee began a campaign today to induce women to PULL their baby carriages instead of PUSHING them.
Committee member Mark Evans said he narrowly missed running over the baby when a mother unexpectedly pushed a carriage into the street from between two parked cars.—United Press.

Chicago, Apr. 24.
Junco Kane, 23, is the only girl student in a Chicago medical school.
"At times I feel like I have 360 big brothers," Miss Kane said today.—United Press.

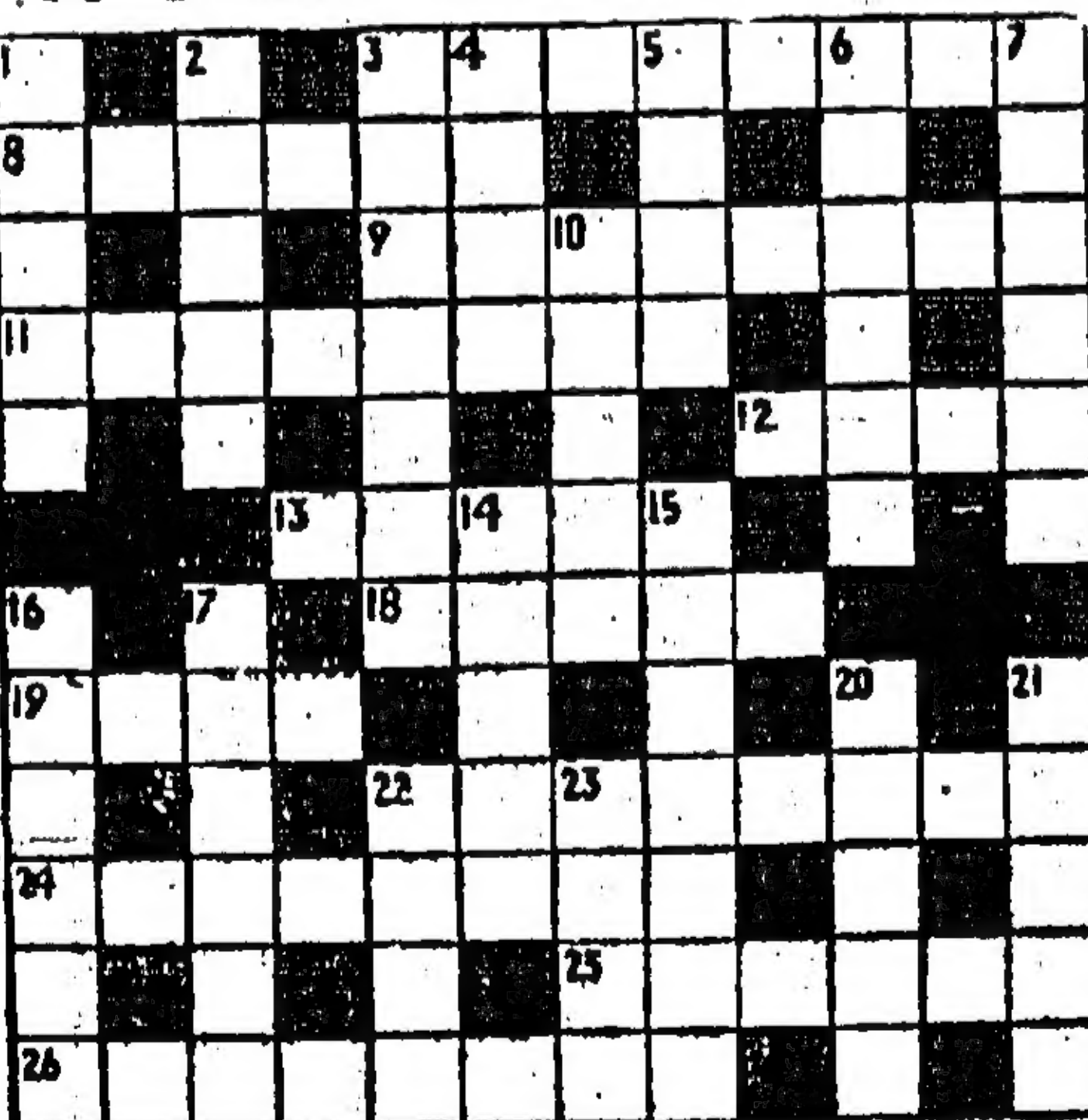
Tokyo, Apr. 24.
Detective Sergeant Toshiro Asahama, 42, assigned to a special anti-pickpocket detail, was arrested on a train by two other detectives—for picking pockets.—United Press.

Bristol, Apr. 24.
A contracting firm began demolition today of a nearly-completed US\$600,000 apartment building because of a small dimensional discrepancy.
The 11-story building had been found to be four inches off true up and down.—United Press.

Walesby, Apr. 24.
A goat arrived here by train today after a two-day delay caused by its eating the destination tag hung around its neck.—United Press.

Birmingham, Apr. 24.
Fines for speeding were paid here by James R. Quick, Col. L. Hasty and Harold P. Early.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



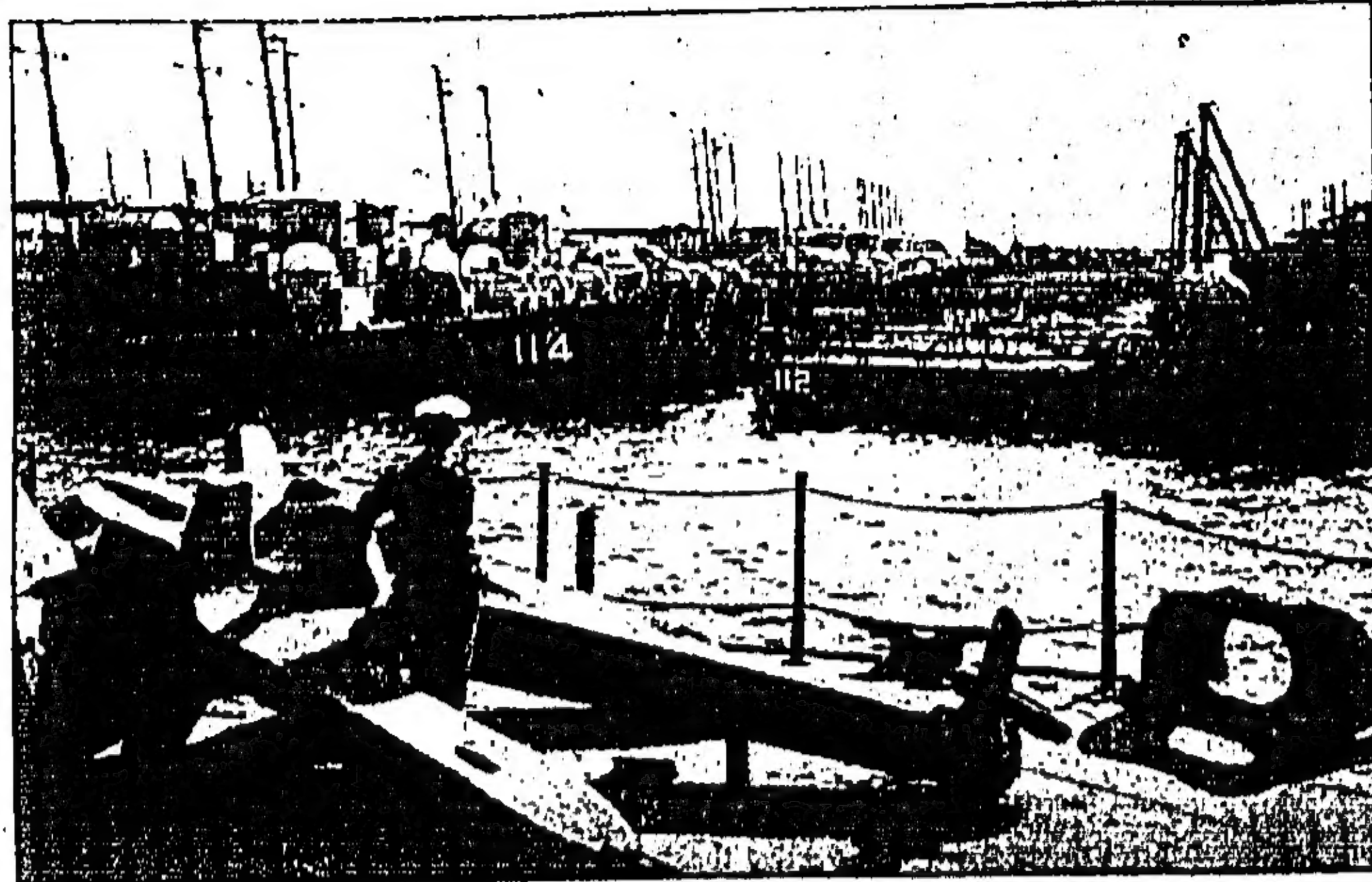
- ACROSS**
- 3 A "sucker," so to speak (8).
 - 8 Life-giving fluids (5).
 - 9 Work on hand (8).
 - 11 The popping of the question (8).
 - 12 In my view it's a book (4).
 - 13 For treading theatrically? (5).
 - 18 How Doyle might sing? (5).
 - 19 Long measure in London (4).
 - 22 Kender mad (8).
 - 24 Example in a way of standing (6).
 - 25 It might take the bruise out of the bruiser (6).
 - 26 It deserves applause and another (4, 4).
- DOWN**
- 1 Piles out of shape (5).
 - 2 A little bit of counsel (5).
 - 3 Sky fellow? (7).
 - 4 Periods of importance (4).
 - 5 Turned by cowards (4).
 - 6 Robinson (6).
 - 7 No Rugby team, this (6).
 - 10 Barely visible? (5).
 - 14 Hood, maybe (3).
 - 15 Wild flint? (7).
 - 16 Telling off a sailor (6).
 - 17 Usually preceded by "Hey" (6).
 - 20 Customary costume? (5).
 - 21 Parts up! (5).
 - 22 Just crazy (4).
 - 23 Mark left (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 King-crab, 7 Arena, 8 Indicator, 10 Kernal, 15 Silhouette, 16 Have, 17 Oricle, 18 Testive, 20 Aria, 21 Echidna, 26 Tether, 27 Converse, 28 Down: 29 Dredgers, 30 Puck, 31 Pearl, 32 Karen, 33 Grip, 34 Ritual, 35 Burge, 36 Alcove, 37 Elder(dow), 38 Nowits, 39 Ercots, 40 Hop it, 41 Vango, 42 Ram-C.I.D., 43 Stance, 44 Heeds, 45 Dhows, 46 A-ross, 47 Berg.

Clouds Of Insects Spread Over Ten Countries

Locusts Invade Middle East

AMERICA'S "MOTHBALL" FLEET



PART of America's "mothball fleet" lies in semi-retirement, as can be seen from this picture taken at Green Cove Springs, Florida, where hundreds of warships are lined up along a wide concrete pier.—Express.

Naga Tribe Raids Railway

Calcutta, Apr. 24.
A railway worker was killed and another seriously injured when armed Naga tribesmen launched a surprise raid on the Maibong railway station, 15 miles from Hallong in the North Cachar hills of Assam early today.

The raiders ransacked the station and nearby community, stole headquarters before fleeing back to the jungle with their loot.

Strong police forces have been rushed to the area in an attempt to run the raiders to earth.—France-Press.

Plebiscite

Munich, Apr. 24.
The Bavarian state parliament today rejected by 104 votes to 76 a Social Democratic proposal to hold a plebiscite in this German state on atomic arms for the West German Army.—China Mail Special.

ONE SATELLITE EVERY MONTH PROJECT PLANNED BY US

CHIEF SPACE SCIENTIST REVEALS DETAILS

Washington, Apr. 24.
The Defence Department's chief space scientist said today that the United States was considering launching a satellite a month, starting next January.

The proposed timetable was given to a special House Committee studying space problems by Herbert York, top scientist in the Pentagon's new Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA).

Dr York said the agency was planning a continuing satellite

programme that would call for launching possibly 12 satellites a year. He said it would begin where the current International Geophysical Year satellite programme left off next December.

The scientist said ARPA was planning a broad space programme, including development of a giant rocket engine with one million pounds of thrust, five shots at the moon previously announced, two more Army satellites and various "man in space" projects.

He said many of the non-military projects would be transferred to President Eisenhower's proposed Civilian National Aeronautics and Space Agency if it is set up by Congress.

Dr York outlined the following ARPA programme:

• Planning programmes looking toward development of parts for much bigger rockets, better rocket radio systems and guidance and control systems.

• A review of the practical applications of space projects.

He cited as examples the use of satellites for improved communications, weather forecasting and navigational aids.

• Considerably bigger programmes for "space reconnaissance and early warning" of possible enemy missile attack.—United Press.

SORAYA TO SEE A SHOW

New York, Apr. 24.
Princess Soraya of Iran will have her wish fulfilled—she will see the Broadway production of "My Fair Lady" tonight.

Three seats have been set aside for her and her family at the Mark Hellinger Theatre. The tickets were provided by Richard Mancy, publicity man for the show.

Earlier, several persons offered to refund the seats so Princess Soraya could see the hit musical.—United Press.

Lana's Daughter To Live With Grandmother

Santa Monica, Apr. 24.
Cheryl Crane, daughter of Lana Turner, will live with her grandmother for two months until a permanent settlement can be worked out, Attorney Arthur Crowley said tonight.

The decision of the Court, made by Judge Allen Lynch, came after a hearing of less than two hours.

Lana Turner did not look happy at the outcome. She had hoped to obtain custody of her 14-year-old daughter.

Later, a small army of process servers, three of them women, besieged Lana Turner with subpoenas to appear for a \$750,000 suit over the death of her lover Johnny Stompanato.

SUMMONS

Two of the women reached Miss Turner's aide as she arrived for her daughter Cheryl's superior court hearing in the Stompanato slaying.

"What is this?" asked the actress.

"It's a summons," snapped the process server.

Miss Turner handed the paper to her mother, Mrs. Mildred Turner, while her lawyer, Jerry Giesler, reached out and took the other summons.

The actress, her daughter, and the star's ex-husband, Stephen Crane, father of Cheryl, were named defendants in the "wrongful death" suit filed on behalf of Stompanato's 10-year-old son, Johnny, of

Sixty Int'l Teams Battle Against Swarming Plague

Rome, Apr. 24.

Millions of locusts are swarming over ten countries of the Middle East in an "alarming" invasion and the plague may spread still further, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said tonight.

Sixty international teams were battling the locusts in Saudi-Arabia and national organisations in other Middle Eastern countries have joined the struggle, but their forces may prove inadequate, the FAO said. It said "urgent assistance" had been requested by various governments.

The locusts, apparently originating in East Africa, spread at amazing speed and covered a full

2,000 miles in six months, the FAO said. A single swarm reported from Northern Iraq was 50 miles long.

"This alarming phase of the desert locust plague is believed to have started from breeding areas in the Somali Peninsula", said O. B. Leach, FAO specialist.

Speed

"Swarms crossed the Red Sea in January and spread northwards through Yemen and Saudi-Arabia at an exceptional speed."

"During February and March, Jordan, Israel, Syria, Iraq and Iran became heavily infested and at least one swarm reached Pakistan."

"In April swarms entered Turkey, a country which had remained free from the desert locust since 1953."

Despite "strenuous efforts" to battle locusts, FAO officials said there was a danger that now swarms may form and carry the locust plague as far as India, other swarms may return to Africa.

An FAO sub-committee will meet in Cairo on Saturday to review the international campaign in Saudi-Arabia.—United Press.

Portuguese Government Anniversary Macao Prepares

Macao, Apr. 25.
Macao is preparing to commemorate Dr Salazar's 30th anniversary in the Portuguese Government, this coming Sunday, April 27.

The number of separate celebrations has been curtailed, at the Prime Minister's request, to a simple ceremony.

It will consist of a rally in front of Government House in the morning, followed by a few appropriate speeches. A "memorial" meant for Dr Salazar, will be handed to HE the Governor, Pedro Cordeiro de Barros, for ultimate delivery in Lisbon.

ADDRESS ASSEMBLY

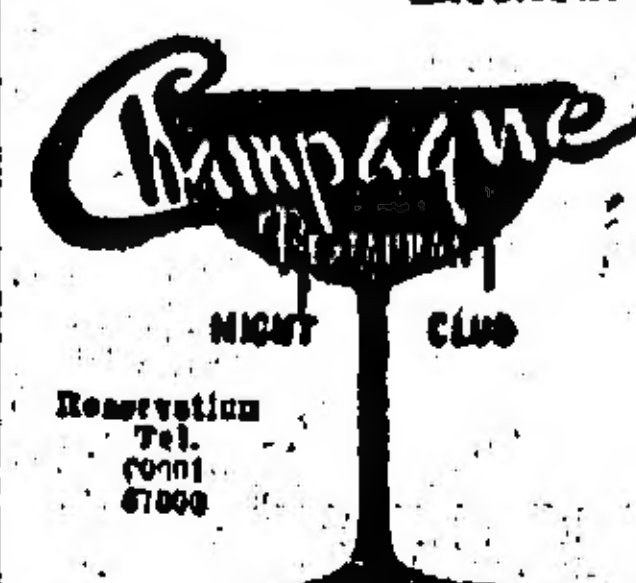
Then, His Excellency will address the assembly at the close of the meeting.

Later, a Te Deum will be held at the Catholic Cathedral at 11.30 a.m.

It was on April 27, 1928 that Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, then a law professor at the University of Coimbra, was installed at the Portuguese Finance Ministry.—France-Press.

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Peking, Apr. 24.

Peasants, reinforced by troops and city workers, are battling day and night against the winter-long drought to safeguard the spring crops now being sown in many parts of China.

More than 238,000 emergency labourers have moved into the fields of the Chungking minority region of Kwangsi Province in the south to help the farm folk to dig ditches and wells.

On one day this week more than 20,000 "volunteers" left Peking for the countryside of the surrounding Hopei Province where no rain has fallen for seven months.

Buckets, carts, lorries, and pipes are also being despatched to farms where the government reports a shortage of receptacles to carry water to the fields.

The Peking People's Daily, organ of the Chinese Communist Party, reported today that in the immediate vicinity of Peking the drought had prevented the sowing of 200,000 acres of 600,000 acres destined for spring seed.

But in the north of the capital's Hopei Province almost two million acres had been

sown—thanks to the efforts of emergency teams.

These include officials from the foreign and trade ministries and troops commanded by three generals.

Peking's fourth rainfall this year produced only between two and four inches today, according to Peking Evening News.

The newspaper said that although this rain is welcome it will have little effect in areas where the drought is already serious.

EFFICIENCY

The Peking People's Daily said in an editorial: "It is unquestionable that the efficiency of co-operative farms and the policy of state purchase and sale of crops will enable us to cope with the spring drought." It added: "Peasants who are really short of grain must be supplied... but there must be no general increase in the consumption of grain."—Reuter.

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THE China Mail today gives first airing to a new experiment in interviewing. Over a well-laden table-top are brought together two people, who could (with reasonable fairness) be classed respectively as saint and sinner. Recording and refereeing the encounter is Patricia Lewis, who is pledged to bring out the best of both worlds.

Saints and Sinners

If sinning should ever require formal dress I propose Mr Terry-Thomas as Number-One Style Setter. With marvellous, un-self-conscious flair he arrived to sup with my "saint" as if straight from a conference on soul-mates with Mr Downstairs.

There was a rush of cold night wind... the curtains covering the bar doorway billowed... and in the gap appeared T-T, like the embodiment of Edwardiana.

His coat was grey with a curly-fur collar. His suit was dark,uffed at the wrists, and open to show a splendid waist of fermenting-plum satin with golden diac, silver watch and smoky topaz hanging from the fob-pocket.

He grinned famously. And between his well-spaced front teeth I noticed an ebony cigarette holder entwined with gold and diamonds like Eden's serpent.

He pegged his coat, and I saw, with a start, a blood-red carnation spouting from his buttonhole. "Jolly good show!" he said. "You're ahead of me... I'll have a Campari with a long twist of orange-peel, barmen!"

Signed the pledge

I MUST explain that it was only myself who was ahead of Mr Thomas, for my other guest was the Rev. Robert Taylor, 52-year-old, teetotal secretary of the Band of Hope Union—the gentleman who, last summer, got four peers and 30 M.P.s to sign a pledge to abstain from alcohol.

"I say!" exclaimed Terry-Thomas, eyeing Mr Taylor's quiet, self-patterned silver tie. "Don't you wear a dog-collar?" Mr Taylor smiled patiently. "Not for business—people think you must be stupid about commercial matters." T-T tried a new tack. Well, are you a strict Sabbatarian? Because I've wanted to get to grips with one ever since I spent a Sunday in Edinburgh.

Mr Taylor ordered an orange juice and took a deep breath. "But, Mr Thomas, there must be rules—otherwise our Sunday is in danger of becoming a Continental Sunday, and then what happens to the children?" "Our other reason against it is the way the Continental Sunday creates unnecessary work for people who should be taking their day-off-rest."

"Mr Taylor, I'm in show business, and in my profession you're lucky if you get one free Sunday in ten."

"But that doesn't help the children."

"Oh! Come now. Kids of 12 and 13 don't drink... Girls of 14 dress up as 18 and go into pubs and misbehave so badly the police have to take them home. Convictions for drunkenness among young people have increased by nearly 250 per cent since 1949."

In the silence that followed, it seemed a good moment to organise some food.

* Opulently easy.

The atmosphere

WE moved upstairs and much he liked eating where we were because it had such a "gemutlich" atmosphere.

They sat us in the corner of a sudden T-T went right off Edwardiana when he found there was a not-so-gemutlich draught breezing up his sleeve-pipes.

However, the menu was brought, and T-T advised Mr Taylor to try the turtle soup—with sherry. And Mr Taylor said T-T would get him the rack but would he sign his daughter's autograph book anyway?

While T-T was covering a yellow page with red ink Mr Taylor said it was a pity everybody thought abstainers were prigs because really they were just like ordinary people.

"I've lived too, you know," he said. "I was up with the fishermen in Newfoundland once, and it took three months to get my broken leg to a doctor. Those boys were tough—they used to make moonshine out of boot-polish."

"Boot-polish?" echoed T-T. "I'm a wine man myself—terribly fond of it."

Those comedians....

THIS was obviously the cue for the premier cru. T-T ordered an excellent 40 Burgundy. Mr Taylor ordered a mouth-watering "fussyfoot."

"Now, sir," cried T-T. "You know what the Bible says—(Timothy V, verse 23—I think)—'Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake.'"

"My stomach's all right as it is," replied Mr Taylor, raising his fruit-spiced tumbler in salute.

T-T pressed on regardless. "What about when Solomon—(the hundred-and-fourth Psalm, I recall)—tells of the wine that maketh glad the heart of man?"

Setting his glass down beside the duck a l'orange, Mr Taylor looked indulgent.

"How is it, Terry, that you quote all this when you're so suspicious of men who quote texts?"

"Not suspicious, Mr Taylor... sceptical. Remember my name is Thomas!"

The Rev. Robert Taylor laughed good-naturedly. "But," he continued, "I have a right to put my case for keeping young people away from drink. I've a teenage son. And he might be one of the three-out-of-10 men who, once they take a drink, become drunkards. Statistics prove this happens. I have a responsibility and if he did make a fool of himself I'd feel terrible."

"Quite so, Mr Taylor. I personally know many men—"

famous men... who've not only ruined their careers but their whole lives because they drank and didn't know how to. Naturally, they were all very emotional types. Mind you, he whispered, "most comedians are manic depressives until they've had a couple."

T-T returned to his steak while Mr Taylor thoughtfully digested his duck.

"Of course," he said after a minute, "medically speaking drink's a depressant... a drug. It goes straight to the brain, stifling self-criticism, self-respect, and..."

Aghast, the comedian pushed aside his plate.

"Mr Taylor! Are you serious? When you see a man relaxed and laughing his head off do you really think he's depressed?"

"Well, if he isn't at first he will be later."

"But, if you deprive this man of his drink, just when he is having it? Not yourself, because you don't like it."

"I know, I can't even drink beer. Yet when I think I could be my boy—or a million like him—I'm convinced there's evil in alcohol."

Terry-Thomas shook his head, sliced the top off a cigar and worked it into a second, stubbler holder.

Pulling until the tobacco caught, he chuckled.

"I say! Wouldn't we lose a lot of jokes if it weren't for old demon drink? Did you hear the one about the drunk who staggered up to a house, knocked on the door, and asked if it was Alcoholics Anonymous? The owner said: 'Yes, do you want to join?' And the drunk said: 'No, I want to resign!'"

The last laugh

SAINT and Sinner both laughed... and went on laughing through Terry's stories about his visit to Bahrain—"the Arabs were amazed to find I'm naturally ambidextrous"—and Mr Taylor's tales about the Band-of-Hope's founder, a Mrs Carlie, from Dublin—"who didn't sign the pledge until she was past 70."

But Terry-Thomas had the last word. Savouring the final sip of Burgundy, he said:—"I venture to suggest, Mr Taylor, that if you'd had a glass of this excellent wine you would not be taking such a pessimistic view of drink and drinkers."

Sound argument. But judging from the way I felt the morning after I'm not sure it wasn't Mr Taylor who had the last laugh.



The storm in the pepper pot

THE PLAN MEANT A QUICK FORTUNE AND NOTHING COULD STOP IT—EXCEPT THE REMARKABLE DISCOVERY THAT TRADERS IN THE EAST HAD PEPPER UP THEIR SLEEVES

by ALEXANDER THOMSON

IT was February 8, 1934—London in the first promise of spring. At the Adelphi Theatre in the Strand, Gertrude Lawrence was appearing in the Nymph Errant. Jack Buchanan immaculate as ever in top hat, white tie and tails, was in Mr Whittington at the Hippodrome; Chelsea was bottom of the League; and a radio firm was demonstrating an electric eye "which will bring talking pictures into the home."

While Londoners crowded the streets, buses and shops a group of men sat at lunch discussing one of the most dramatic gambles ever.

The homely pepper pot was their target. They planned to "corner" world supplies of white pepper, and double their money in a year.

But instead they lost £1,000,000. Three of them, all highly regarded in the City, ended up in gaol.

And the Lord Chief Justice said the excuses they offered were no more than those of an office-boy who took half-a-crown out of a till because he had a good tip for the Grand National.

THE PLOTTERS

The most spectacular of them was Mr John Howeson, a tall, handsome man of 50 who was one of the leaders in the world's tin-mining industry.

He was a man of distinction. He was a director of 19 companies, and chairman of 12. They had a total share capital of £35 million.

The second member of the luncheon party was a dumpy little man, Mr Garabed Bishirgian, a successful City merchant with a mansion in Park Lane. The others were a company director, and a Mr Walker, who was a produce broker.

Mr Walker suggested that a handsome profit could be made in dealing in pepper. Prices were low, he explained. Consumption was increasing every year, and the market price could be doubled without affecting the retail price.

He believed that a purchase of 3,000 tons—worth £252,000—would procure complete control of the market and allow the buyers to realise a big profit before the next season's crop came in.

It all looked so simple. How could it possibly fail? So the gamble that produced the drama of the pepper pot was launched. Quietly Mr Bishirgian began buying pepper for the group at around 9d. a lb.

They bought their 3,000 tons. But to their surprise fresh supplies quickly arrived from the East.

They continued to buy. Their pile of pepper grew to 6,000 tons. The shortage they had anticipated still did not arise.

There was always more and more pepper arriving to replace the quantities they took off the market.

By this time they were heavily committed. To turn back would mean big losses. If they pressed on, they might still make the hoped-for killing.

So they decided to push ahead, and by September had contracts outstanding for the purchase of 11,440 tons of pepper worth £1,035,000.

HOW TO WRITE A LOVE LETTER

A TIMELY LESSON BY DONALD GOMERY

WHAT makes a good love letter? Behind the words in the love letters of Lana Turner one can almost see the film cameras turning.

"I miss you. I want you. I ache for you. I am your woman and I need you. MY MAN! to love and be loved by."

And so on. Many such phrases.

How easy for her to recall, consciously or sub-consciously, words often spoken in make-believe in a score of film love scenes. All that she did not add was that final cliché of the film: "This is something bigger than both of us."

Cynical? Perhaps. But do others do any better?

Film star or typist, young or old, humble or grand, the same phrases come tumbling out. (As people who study the Divorce Court reports know.)

Miss Turner is no literary genius; she has little education to speak of. Yet the words ring clearly, the phrases are well-turned; even though for the stranger there is, as always, embarrassment in reading coldly the sentences hotly written.

But of course no education is needed—though education is on hand if need be.

In front of me is a selection of books on etiquette and "How to write a letter." Each with pressing reference to "How to write a love letter. All with preliminary warnings on the danger of writing love letters at all.

No reckless words of passion here, then. Says one book: "The normal rules for beginning and ending letters do not apply to love letters. But the word 'love' cannot well be left out of the ending."

Hardly.

Music....

HERE is a sample love letter at an early stage: "I remember when we met you mentioned that you were interested in music and that you played the piano... I hope that you will not mind my taking the liberty of inviting you to join a music club."

Later, in another book, the love affair (under the heading: "Chatty letter from a gentleman to his fiancée") has reached the following interesting moment—

"It is pouring with rain this morning so I thought I would just stay indoors and write you a letter... Have you started reading the book I gave you? Is your aunt better today?"

And from another "sample" love letter: "As you will guess I'm writing this in my lunch hour and old Smitty is peering over his specs, in a frightfully curious way, but trying hard not to let me know it. I wonder if he wrote letters like this to Mrs S. a couple of hundred years ago? It's hard to believe."

It certainly is.

But that last letter seems to indicate that lover-boy may have been typing his letter at work. Do people, even today, type love letters? That perhaps is the most horrible thought of all.

No, it is no good. You simply cannot teach people how to write love letters. It is a wonderfully foolish talent that everyone in love, Lana or Liza, Johnny or Bill, possesses.

Bank. Another was Sir Hugo Cunliffe Owen, the tobacco millionaire.

When the creditors of James and Shakespeare met the Official Receiver in April 1935, he referred to both men.

No evidence had been found, he said, that Mr McKenna was interested in pepper, or was connected with the company.

A MONSTER

But it was true that he had underwritten 10,000 of its shares, and, according to Mr Howeson, the proposed issue had been discussed with him.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen had underwritten 20,000 shares. But he was emphatic that his only interest was as an ordinary investor, and that he had no idea the company was involved in pepper.

The Official Receiver called the pepper gamble a Frankenstein monster which had devoured those who launched it. He told the creditors of James and Shakespeare: "The responsibility for the misleading nature of the prospectus is under serious consideration."

And so the final act of the great pepper drama was presented at the Central Criminal Court.

The trial lasted nine days, while London looked on in fascinated amazement, that such important people could get so mixed up.

Bishirgian was found guilty of publishing a misleading prospectus. Howeson was found guilty of aiding and abetting him.

The sentences were 12 months' imprisonment—in the second division.

They did their time in Wormwood Scrubs, where they quickly earned the coveted positions of "leaders."

Soon John Howeson, who a little time before had been chairman of a dozen important companies, was elected "chairman" of the prison leaders.

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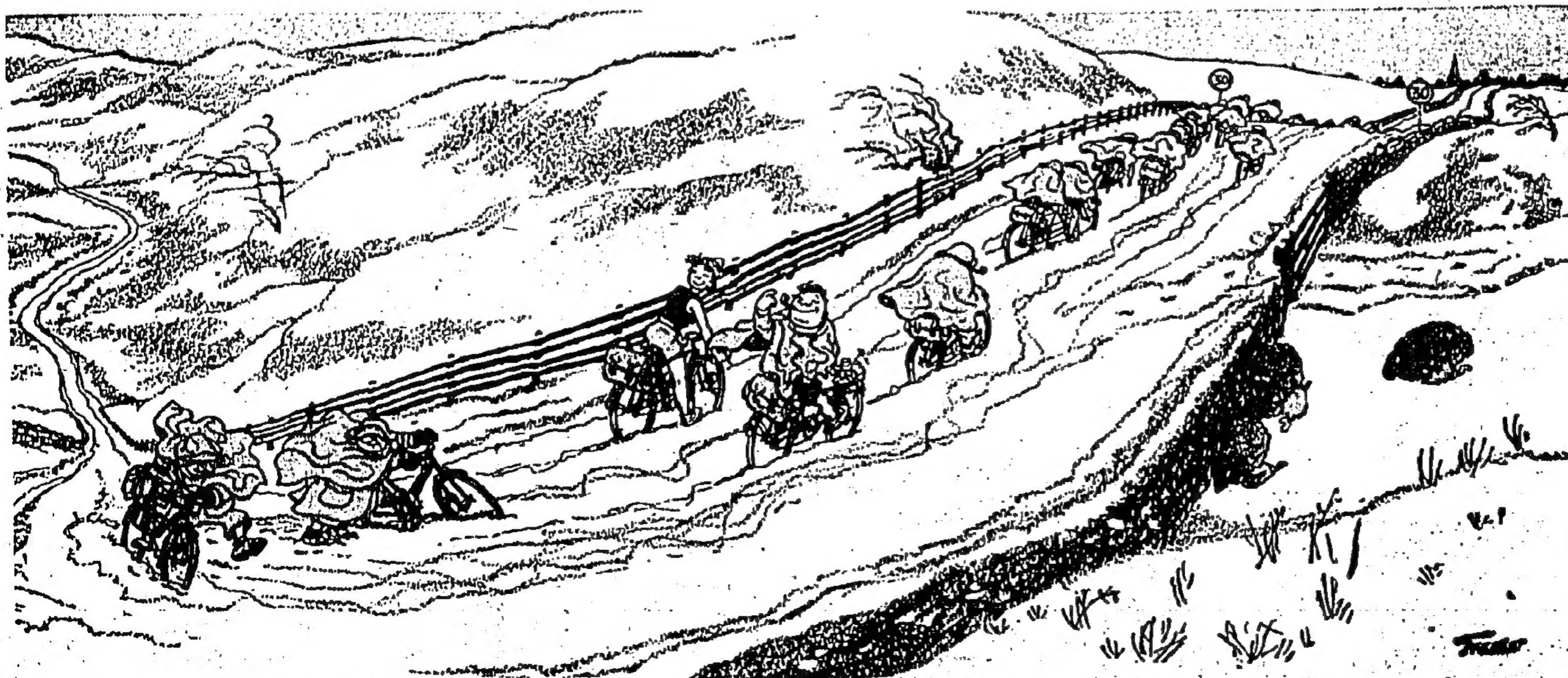
In this capacity he persuaded the governor to grant privileges which others had so far failed to obtain.

After serving their sentences both men set up in business again.

Bishirgian—whose original climb to owning a Park Lane mansion had been on £5 borrowed to import caviare, opened modest offices in the City.

But war-time restrictions limited his opportunities, and he died before the war ended.

John Howeson went into the plastics business, with a factory near Reading. He died in 1961. The drama of their pepper pool faded away as quietly as it had begun.



"I've stuck three days of his 'Good old Bertie!' 'The weather'll be better tomorrow, Bertie.' You just watch Bertie if there's a cinema in the next town."

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TOMORROW'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

St. George's Plate The Main Event

By "RAPIER"

The second Saturday's programme of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Twelfth Race Meeting continues tomorrow with another ten interesting events to be contested. The First Saddling Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

The St. George's Plate for Class 5 ponies over the two-mile post is the highlight of the day's programme.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Lincoln Handicap: From 112 Miles Post.

The curtain-raiser is a sprint race for Class 5 ponies to be ridden by novice jockeys. With Victoria Peak out of the race, Countess (M. A. C. Rozo), who ran a good second in the Surrey Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs on April 7, should give a good account of herself in this event with American Cavalry (Lal Chun-lai) a real danger.

Yacheta (D. M. D. Prophet) is another noted sprinter and it could cause an upset with a good start.

Mascot (U. Kum-lun) is good as an outsider.

SECOND RACE

Leicester Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

A success for Pretender (H. K. King) over this distance is almost assured provided the pony is guided well all the way against a formidable opponent in a very fit Constellation (Alex Lam).

Constellation's powerful last quarter in its last outing should

cause some concern to Pretender here. In the pink of condition, it should figure prominently at the finish.

Forward View (P. Plumby) is a good place bet.

THIRD RACE

Nottingham Handicap: From 2 Miles Post.

There is a large entry for this race, but it is very doubtful if all will turn out. The following should figure prominently: Strathmore (D. Plumby), Beloved (K. Kwok), and Winning Streak (Allan Chan).

As a result of its win in the Mount Parker Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the 10th Race Meeting, Strathmore should command most support and I think it has a very good chance of winning here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

Beloved and Winning Streak can also be relied on to give a good account of themselves.

FOURTH RACE

Leicester Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

Korrera (M. A. C. Rozo), having hit winning form, can make it two in a row over the mile. Hawaiian Moon (Sam Chow) is good over this distance and will take a lot of beating. Satisfaction (Allan Chan) also has been showing good form.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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Saturday 19th and Saturday 26th April, 1958

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will start at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

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Secretary.

during morning gallops and has a good chance of success. Firestone (Alex Lam) is fit enough and could cause an upset here.

FIFTH RACE

St. George's Plate: From 2 Miles Post.

This is the main event of the afternoon and will be contested by Class 5 ponies. I expect to see a close finish in which the following should figure prominently: Strathmore (D. Plumby), Beloved (K. Kwok), and Winning Streak (Allan Chan).

As a result of its win in the Mount Parker Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the 10th Race Meeting, Strathmore should command most support and I think it has a very good chance of winning here, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

Beloved and Winning Streak can also be relied on to give a good account of themselves.

SIXTH RACE

Cornwall Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 3 ponies. Newington (K. Kwok) looks the likeliest winner of the probable starters.

As an outsider I look to Stately Yours (Wan Shek-ting) for a juicy dividend.

SEVENTH RACE

Leicester Handicap (Third Section): One Mile.

The third lot of Class 6 ponies will fight out the issue in this race.

A very fit Bayshore (Lam) Pao-kei should win although it will have to fight hard against Eureka (T. H. Yau). As an outsider I suggest Beautiful Phoenix (H. K. King).

EIGHTH RACE

Norfolk Handicap: From 1 1/2 Miles Post.

The logical choice in this sprint race of the afternoon for Class 4 ponies is Cambridge (P. Plumby). A win is certainly coming up for this well conditioned pony.

It will not come as a surprise if it will win over Diana (M. Santarini), Mayfair (H. K. King), and Isfahan (K. Kwok). Beautiful Lie (C. W. Wong) has been acting very frisky during morning gallops, and is capable of furnishing an upset.

NINTH RACE

Cornwall Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by the second lot of Class 3 ponies. Lightning Feet went very well in a training gallop on April 19 and everything points to its being the one to beat in this race.

Confuser (Liang Pao-kei) came in second the last time out in easy fashion and should be considered carefully here as a likely winner.

Another pony to watch out for is Cheerful (Allan Chan) which is reported to be as fit as it can be.

TENTH RACE

Cornwall Handicap (Third Section): One Mile.

This race will wind up the day's programme in which the third section of Class 3 ponies will battle out the finish.

Judging from recent form during morning gallops, I fancy King Kong (P. K. Liang) to win, but it is likely to receive strong opposition from Old Tyre (K. Kwok) and Plumby (P. Plumby) both of which are capable of giving King Kong a good fight.

Brilliance (E. S. Wong) and Gabriel Junkie (H. M. Botelho) are also considered good enough to extend the favourites here.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 13th Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday, 10th May, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Sham Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 30th April, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Cut this out and take it to the races

tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

2.00 p.m. Race 1 LINCOLN HANDICAP: 1 Mile. Class 5. Novice. 112 Miles Post.

100 Yit-han (S. H. Wong) 155 lbs. 101 American Cavalry (Noddy) 154 lbs. 102 Countess (M. A. C. Rozo) 153 lbs. 103 Vendetta (Tomokoff) 150 lbs. 104 Yacheta (D. M. D. Prophet) 145 lbs. 105 Mascot (U. Kum-lun) 140 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Don Juan, Hashidul Beauty II, Can Do, Noddy, The Champ.

3.00 p.m. Race 2 LEICESTER HANDICAP (2nd Section): 1 Mile. Class 6. 112 Miles Post.

100 Dutch Courage (Chew) 155 lbs. 101 Farnham (S. H. Wong) 155 lbs. 102 Beautiful Phoenix (H. K. King) 151 lbs. 103 Angela (Tomokoff) 148 lbs. 104 Bayshore (A. S. Liang) 148 lbs. 105 Eureka (Metrevel) 148 lbs. 106 Million Bonus (Ng) 140 lbs. 107 Leedfield (Tomokoff) 140 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Possibility II, Fung Chi, Wai Leeder.

3.30 p.m. Race 3 NORFOLK HANDICAP: 1 1/2 Miles. Class 4. 112 Miles Post.

100 How Do I Know (Noddy) 155 lbs. 101 Desert Hero (Tomokoff) 151 lbs. 102 Gamba (Tomokoff) 151 lbs. 103 Five Gold (Noddy) 150 lbs. 104 Larc Triomphe (Noddy) 150 lbs. 105 Fall Ahead (Tomokoff) 148 lbs. 106 Knock-gain (Tomokoff) 147 lbs. 107 Hammer Mill (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 108 The Cherub (Belokoff) 144 lbs. 109 Beulah (Chew) 144 lbs. 110 Beulah (Chew) 144 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Easy Win, Xin Chi, Princess Ellen.

4.00 p.m. Race 4 CORNWALL HANDICAP (2nd Section): 1 Mile. Class 3. 112 Miles Post.

100 Tara (Noddy) 150 lbs. 101 Chevalier (Noddy) 150 lbs. 102 After Dark (Tomokoff) 150 lbs. 103 Confuser (Noddy) 147 lbs. 104 Chevalier (Noddy) 147 lbs. 105 Lightning Feet (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 106 Lightning Feet (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 107 Lightning Feet (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 108 Lightning Feet (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 109 Lightning Feet (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 110 Lightning Feet (Tomokoff) 140 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Confuser, Belinda, Buttefly, Tom Thumb, Chatterbox, Resurrection.

4.30 p.m. Race 5 CORNWALL HANDICAP (3rd Section): 1 Mile. Class 3. 112 Miles Post.

100 King Kong (A. S. Liang) 150 lbs. 101 Chevalier (Noddy) 150 lbs. 102 Gamba (Tomokoff) 150 lbs. 103 Eureka (Metrevel) 148 lbs. 104 Na Pali (Noddy) 147 lbs. 105 Old Tyre (Noddy) 147 lbs. 106 Brilliance (Noddy) 140 lbs. 107 Gamba (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 108 Gamba (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 109 Gamba (Tomokoff) 140 lbs. 110 Gamba (Tomokoff) 140 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Scarlet, Ambition, Ipsy.

5.00 p.m. Race 6 ST. GEORGE'S PLATE: 2 Miles. Class 5. 112 Miles Post.

101 Strathmore (D. Plumby) 155 lbs. 102 Beloved (Ng) 155 lbs. 103 Alex's Gift (Noddy) 153 lbs. 104 As You Like It (Lum) 153 lbs. 105 Madam Fortuna (Lum) 150 lbs. 106 Precious Gem (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs. 107 Casals (A. S. Liang) 148 lbs. 108 Wing Hang (Noddy) 148 lbs. 109 Wing Hang (Noddy) 148 lbs. 110 Wing Hang (Noddy) 148 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Kneave, Winning Touch, Cover Girl.

KANSAS CITY ATHLETICS BOUNCE BACK INTO SECOND PLACE

New York, Apr. 24.

Harry Craft's hustling Kansas City Athletics continued to confound the experts today when they bounced back into second place in the American League by defeating the Detroit Tigers, 7-2.

Vic Power drove in three runs for the Athletics and Wally Burnette was credited with the victory although he needed a helping hand from reliever Tom Gorman in the seventh.

Southpaw Don Mossi's strong relief pitching paced the Cleveland Indians to a 6-4 decision over the Chicago White Sox, who lost their fifth game in a row and dropped into the cellar.

Cleveland hopped on starter Jim Wilson and his successor, Don Rudolph, for five runs in the first three innings but Mossi had to rescue Dick Tomasek in the fifth after the White Sox nipped him for four hits. Mossi allowed two more hits in that frame as Chicago scored four runs, then settled down and gave up only two more hits the rest of the way to gain the decision.

Second Inning
Russ Nixon homered off Wilson in the second inning and Minnie Minoso clipped Ray Moore for a homer in the eighth. Dick Gorman's pinch single with the bases loaded in the 10th inning gave the Boston Red Sox a 4-3 triumph over the Baltimore Orioles.

Gemert delivered his blow off Billy Odell, who had taken over the pitching for Baltimore in the eighth.

Weightlifting
US To Field Olympic Champions

New York, Apr. 24.
The United States will field three 1956 Olympic champions against a visiting Soviet team in friendly weightlifting matches in Chicago on May 12 and in New York on May 17.

It was revealed today that Bob Hoffman, trainer of the American weightlifting team, announced here that the following strongmen had been chosen to represent the United States against the Soviet weightlifters: Benjamine Glik, Charlie Vinick (Olympic champion); Featherweight; Isaac Berger (Olympic champion); Lightweight: Joe Pitman; Middleweight: Tommy Kono (1952 Olympic lightweight champion and 1956 lightweight champion); Heavyweight: George (Olympic bronze - medalist); Middle heavyweight: Dave Shepherd (Olympic silver medalist) and Heavyweight: Jim Bradford.—France-Press.

ASIAN GAMES
Be Kind To Foreigners Period For Japanese

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
The Japanese people were tonight called upon to be on their best behaviour, and to be "kind to foreigners" during the forthcoming Asian Games.

The Minister of Education, Mr. Matsumura, in a special broadcast said: "We must remember we are Japanese. We must go out of our way to make the Asian peoples taking part in the Games as welcome as possible."

He added: "Let us not lose our pride in being Japanese and on behalf of the government, I call on all the Japanese people to give a hearty welcome to all foreigners arriving here for the event."

Mr. Matsumura's appeal was broadcast on the eve of his Ministry's "Be kind to foreigners period" which begins here tomorrow and ends on June 15.

Reuter.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS
Results of English League football matches played tonight were:

LEAGUE IN SOUTH
Northampton Town 1, Torquay United 0.
Walsall 3, Bournemouth 1.

LEAGUE IN NORTH
Accrington Stanley 3, Barrow United 3.—Reuter.



"Take my tip—watch his footwork"

London Express Service

Kid Bassey Honoured At Party

London, Apr. 24.

World featherweight boxing champion Hogan "Kid" Bassey of Nigeria was the guest of honour at a party given tonight in a Liverpool hotel to celebrate his recent victory in Los Angeles over Ricardo Morano of Mexico.

The host was Mr. John Moore, the Liverpool football pools chief, and the guests were all eminent sporting personalities.

Lieutenant-Colonel George Graham, a Steward of the British Board of Boxing Control, said he considered that Bassey had done more for British boxing than any other British boxer any of them could remember.

Mrs. Bassey Braddock, Labour MP for Liverpool Exchange and President of the Professional Boxers Association, advised Bassey to "stay at the top for the next 18 months, then consider carefully and decide what to do about your future."

In reply Bassey said that he hoped to maintain his form as a real world champion for at least another 18 months.—France-Press.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

STOCK MARKET LEVELS OFF

Allied Investors Have Spectacular Gains

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange continued to level off this week after its upward climb a few weeks ago and many counters were practically unchanged.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$203,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSK Bank	780	780	
Union	72	72	
SHIPPING			
Wanchook	605	615	
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock	47	50	
President	1130	1140	1000
LAND, ETC.			
HSK Land	1700	30	500
Yankee	1400	1400	2000
Really	120	125	
RUBBER			
Amalg	1325	1375	500
Trust	1175		
Utilities			
Trans	2500	2470	100
Yankee	1450	1450	500
C. Light	1700	1700	200
Electric	2040	2040	500
INDUSTRIALS			
General	20	20	50
Stores, ETC.			
Dair	16	16	100
Waters	10	10	50
COTTONS			
Sumatra	3000	6	50
INVESTMENTS			
Allied	430	430	
Sumatra	100		

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, Apr. 24. Stock markets had a fairly satisfactory day though the turnover at 7.741 bargains, was nothing to brag about.

British Governments were in demand, though most of them met some selling just before the close and held net gains of only 1/16 or 1/8. In a few instances there were rises of 3/16 or even 5/16.

Industrialists were rather neglected but a few contrived to gain or lose 1/16 or 1/8. International Nickel lost 3 points to 124 on its reduction of activity.

Oils were active with Canadian Eagle appearing repeatedly on the tape and finally, like Burmah and Shell, gaining 1/3. Royal Dutch rose 2/8 and British Petroleum 2/8.

Suez Canal rose 2 1/2 to £58. Japanese showed some strength with the 1910s and the 1920s up 1/2, both associated and non-associated. The 1930s ended 1/2, both categories. Only change in Germany was a rise of 1/8 in the Young Loan. Dollar stocks were moderately higher though their premium ended 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. United Press.

London Metal Prices

Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:	Buyers	Sellers
3-month	730	731
6-month	730	731
Copper spot	721	722
3-month	717	718
6-month	717	718
Lead 2nd half	717	718
April	717	718
July	717	718
Zinc 2nd half	621	622
April	621	622
July	621	622

It is expected that the market will hold this position for the time being before moving one way or the other.

After months of inactivity, Allied Investors suddenly came into prominence with a spectacular gain from \$3.65 to \$4.50 before any scrip was offered last Tuesday. Yesterday blocks of shares were sold for \$4.40 and \$4.375.

The sudden interest in this share was attributed to a rumour that was going around in Ice House Street that the Hongkong Gas Company's shares might be quoted on the Stock Exchange. Allied Investors own one-third of the Gas Company's shares.

Lands lost some ground this week, but Hotels picked up to advance to \$18, a gain of 50 cents for the week. The reason for Hotels' activity may be because buyers find the share reasonably cheap at prevailing prices.

The majority of utilities had fractional gains, but Tram, which had advanced to \$3.34 last week, climbed to \$3.70 to \$3.71 while Yau Ma Tei rose to \$85, a gain of \$1.50 for the week.

Dairy Farms were in good demand after being quoted ex-dividend last week, and they ended on a useful gain of 50 cents for the week closing at \$16.40.

Turnover for the week, which was short one day, was \$3.1 million compared with \$3.34 million last week. Tally was 11 higher, seven unchanged and six lower, five unchanged and 13 lower last week.

Although the Stock Market opened the week on a steady to firm note, a slighter tendency developed about mid-week resulting in a predominance of mostly fractional losses, mainly in the utility section with the exception of Trans, which advanced to \$2.4, and Yau Ma Tei to \$85.

Hongkong Banks and Unions were steady and unchanged. Hongkong Land lost some ground but Hotels continued to lead with business transacted at \$18 in the closing session.

After a lean period, Allied Investors made a good recovery during the week, advancing from \$3.65 to \$4.50 before any scrip was offered to the market.

In the stores group, Dairy Farms were active and gained 50 cents while small gains whilst Lane Crawford also showed further improvement.

Trading was on a fair scale with the overall turnover amounting to approximately \$3,117,000.

Market Diary

Here is a market diary of the week:

Friday: Closed on steady note. T/O: \$689,000. Utilities prominent. T/O: \$845,000.

Tuesday: Turned shade easier. T/O: \$990,000.

Wednesday: Dull and featureless. T/O: \$587,000.

London Foreign Exchange

Closing rates were:	London, Apr. 24.
New York	2.81-2.81-1/16
Montreal	2.72-2.72
Amsterdam	10.60-10.60
Brussels	10.22-10.22
Copenhagen	10.24-10.24
Frankfurt	11.72-11.72
Milan	11.72-11.72
Paris	11.72-11.72
Zurich	12.24-12.24
Others unchanged—United Press.	

New York Foreign Exchange

Closing rates were:	New York, Apr. 24.
Canada	1.03-1.03
England	2.81-2.81
30-days	2.80-13/16
90-days	2.80-13/16
Australia	2.80-13/16
New Zealand	2.80-13/16
South Africa	2.80-13/16
Others unchanged—United Press.	

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24	Up or Down
HSK Bank	725	725	725	725	725	steady
Union	72	72	72	72	72	steady
Wanchook	605	605	605	605	605	steady
HSK Wharf	1200	117	108	108	110	+81
HSK Docks	54	54	54	54	54	steady
President	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	steady
HSK Hotels	15.70	16.10	17.40	17.40	17.40	+50
HSK Land	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	steady
HSK Realty	1.40	1.425	1.475	1.475	1.475	+25
HSK Tram	22.50	22	21.75	21.75	21.75	-25
Star Ferry	115	117 1/2	117 1/2	115	115	-25
Yau Ma Tei	90 1/2	97	92 1/2	93 1/2	95	+15
Ch. Light	17	17.30	17.50	17.40	17.50	+10
Electric	25.80	26.20	26.00	26.00	26.00	steady
HSK Telephone	21 1/2	21 1/2	20.00	20.00	20.00	-30
O. I. Cement	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	steady
Dairy Farm	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	steady
A. S. Watson	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	steady
Yankee	5.45	5.45	5.20	5.25	5.25	steady
HSK & FE Inv	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	steady
HSK Corp	4.00	4.025	4.00	4.00	4.00	steady
Nanyang	8.15	8 1/4	8.00	8.45	8.45	steady

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

New York, Apr. 24. Rex rubber futures today closed 25 to 35 points lower with sales of 100 contracts.

May: 20 1/2; June: 21 1/2; Sept: 22 1/2; Nov: 23 1/2; Dec: 24 1/2; Mar: 25 1/2; May: 26 1/2.

Futures developed business in company with London on the best volume in some days. Selling followed reports to the effect that the export ban on shipments out of Central Sumatra had been lifted. Dealers had understood a substantial quantity of rubber, along with cupra, was available for shipment.

Dealers' sentiment brightened with reports of a more reserved attitude on the part of Russian buyers in the London market.

Trade news on the home front also was discouraging. Private sources indicated that output of the U.S. rubber industry will fall for the 12th week to 20 1/2 million in 1958, the lowest in six years.

Because of the gloomy outlook, some dealers have been forecasting a sharp drop in the April delivery down to around 95,000 tons.

Shipment business today was negligible. However, in the New York delivery market some three ribs smoked, reportedly Oct/Nov, delivery, reportedly Oct/Nov, delivery, and some July/Sept, one sheet at 20 1/2 cents.

Offerings of three browns were reported for shipment of Java April/May at 20 1/2 cents. One and one-half were an indifferent 1/2 cent lower. Other offerings included some Singapore 2 1/2 cents and some Java 2 1/2 cents. Spot No. 1 was quoted at 20 1/2 cents.

Overseas markets declined in sympathy with Singapore, but market ignored this during the morning and moved up. The morning end moved up. The morning end moved up. The morning end moved up.

Premium on spot and May reduced during the day as there positions offered freely. Interest in lower grades was sparse.

Futures: No. 1 rubber per lb. May 70 1/2-70 3/4; No. 2 rubber per lb. May 68 1/2-68 3/4; No. 3 rubber per lb. May 66 1/2-66 3/4; No. 4 rubber per lb. May 64 1/2-64 3/4; No. 5 rubber per lb. May 62 1/2-62 3/4; No. 6 rubber per lb. May 60 1/2-60 3/4; No. 7 rubber per lb. May 58 1/2-58 3/4; No. 8 rubber per lb. May 56 1/2-56 3/4; No. 9 rubber per lb. May 54 1/2-54 3/4; No. 10 rubber per lb. May 52 1/2-52 3/4; No. 11 rubber per lb. May 50 1/2-50 3/4; No. 12 rubber per lb. May 48 1/2-48 3/4; No. 13 rubber per lb. May 46 1/2-46 3/4; No. 14 rubber per lb. May 44 1/2-44 3/4; No. 15 rubber per lb. May 42 1/2-42 3/4; No. 16 rubber per lb. May 40 1/2-40 3/4; No. 17 rubber per lb. May 38 1/2-38 3/4; No. 18 rubber per lb. May 36 1/2-36 3/4; No. 19 rubber per lb. May 34 1/2-34 3/4; No. 20 rubber per lb. May 32 1/2-32 3/4; No. 21 rubber per lb. May 30 1/2-30 3/4; No. 22 rubber per lb. May 28 1/2-28 3/4; No. 23 rubber per lb. May 26 1/2-26 3/4; No. 24 rubber per lb. 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FIVE APPEALS DISMISSED BY JUDGE

Two appeals against conviction and three against sentence were dismissed by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, at the Appeals Court this morning.

Appealing against a conviction of heroin possession, Wong Man-chik, who was sentenced to four months by Mr D. C. O'Connell, said that he had been "framed up" by the Police. He denied possession of the heroin.

Another appellant, Kwan Yu, sentenced to 18 weeks for larceny, said that he had also been "framed up" by the Police. Dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Gould said the trial Magistrate had listened to the evidence by the Prosecution and the defendants and they disbelieved the defendants.

His Lordship said he was satisfied that the appellants had been rightly convicted.

Three other appellants appealing against sentence pleaded that they had to support their aged parents and families. They were Wong Poon, sentenced to nine months for heroin possession, Liu Kien-in, sentenced to six months for heroin possession and Mul Wing-kwong, sentenced to two years for demanding money with menaces.

Dismissing the appeals, Mr Justice Gould said the sentences passed on them were just ones.

Dangerous Drugs Case Adjourned

Judge H. H. B. How in the Victoria District Court this morning adjourned hearing of the case in which an Indian and a Chinese are accused of conspiring with others to deal in dangerous drugs and possession of drugs until 2.30 this afternoon.

The accused are Mohindra Verma, 39, of 111-1 Macdonnell Road, and Pui Sur-hung, 35, unemployed, of 173 Wink Lok Street, West, second floor. They are accused of conspiring between October 26, 1957 and February 22 this year to deal in opium and possession of 1,076 pounds of opium on February 22.

Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, (instructed by Mr P. L. Lam) representing Verma, applied for adjournment on the ground that he needed more time to go through the large number of documents and exhibits of the case, and he indicated that the Prosecution had no objection. Pui was represented by Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr A. S. C. Conner of Hastings and Co. Pui's bail was fixed at \$15,000 cash.

Mr D. E. Greenfield and Mr D. G. Willis, both Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution.

Cancelled

The Government Gazette notified this morning that the licence of the Hang Shun Gold Dealer had been cancelled.

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GARRISON PLAYERS' HIT

By JOHN LUFF

"You Can't Take It With You" by Kaufman and Hart, presented by the Garrison Players at King George Hall, The Mission to Seamen, on April 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. Directed by Tim Brinton, Fenelope Sycamore, Barbara Lawrence, Esie Carmichael, Eugene Kenyon, Rhea, Helen Brown, Paul Sycamore, Charles Gately, Mr De Pina, Loren E. Lawrence, Ed. Carmichael, Ron Colbourne, Donald, George Crosby, Martin Vanderhor, George Ramage, Alice Sycamore, Angela Seach, Henderson, Denis Hood, Tony Kirby, Ray Lamontagne, Kolenchov, John Pechebridge, Gay Wellington, Thelma Stuart, Mr Kirby, Norman C. Barnes, Mrs Kirby, Jean Barnes, Phil Kennedy, John Wallace, Nick Kendall, Ted Thomas, The Grand Duchess Olga Katrina, Mollie Crosbie.

Once again, the producer takes the honours. This huge, untidy, and at times, rather mad script, calls for superb production, which fortunately, it found with Tim Brinton. What would have happened had it fallen into the hands of someone who didn't mind having a go? I dare not imagine. As it turned out, the Garrison Players had their biggest first night audience, and on the whole, a very enthusiastic reception.

This play, born of that period of disillusionment, when America could maintain prosperity with all the world's gold in her vaults, take it with her, shows three generations of a family enjoying life in their own way, whether it be with snakes or typewriters, or a few cents worth of saltpeetre and sulphur. It also points out how silly it is to go pulling up dollars at the expense of stomach ulcers, and that having a good time is doing that task you really love to do. The play takes a whimsy course with much laughter from the audience, and a round of applause at each curtain.

FORCEFUL

Taking the acting, you have a very forceful personality in Barbara Lawrence, and she dominates the play. As she takes the centre, she had a better idea of her part than the other lead players, and is certainly the star of this production. George Ramage takes over the Barrymore role of grandfather, a kind of patriarch who makes sense of insanity in a world gone mad. As I recall the part, his unburied pace was deliberately scripted to show that high pressure lectures which leave no time for men to articulate their words, are a form of social insanity. Had he timed his entrance to meet the crisp and direct delivery of Barbara Lawrence, the part would have been even more heightened.

John Pechebridge's Kolenchov is another delicious part, and he and the audience got plenty of fun out of it. As this unduly play has to be sewn up somewhere, there is a scene where a Russian refugee of noble birth, who now rules a kitchen instead of an estate, makes a grand entry to demonstrate the culinary arts. The role is taken over by Mollie Crosbie, and it certainly tops off the night, as somehow all the business of G. Men, fireworks, Wall Street ulcers, and peacocks, make a sort of neat crazy path through the zany epic of the last sane family alive.

A WINNER

The Garrison Players' boldness in putting on this American play, has been well rewarded. The applause they received last night must send them on tonight and tomorrow night with increased confidence. They will ring down the curtain on this production, and this season a winner. And a very well deserved one.

Air Excursion

Effective immediately Japan Air Lines has announced introduction of a reduced tourist excursion rate between Hongkong and Bangkok of HK\$472 for the round trip. With three DC-4B flights per week, JAL expects a big increase in travellers between two of the most interesting cities of the world.



Mr C. W. Greaves with the Anzac wreath at the Cenotaph this morning.—Staff Photographer.

Man Accused Of Wounding Late Employer

A man was accused at the Criminal Sessions this morning of attacking and wounding the manager of the Practical Bookshop, of D'Aguilar Street, who had dismissed him from the shop a month before the incident.

Liu Tai-wai, 29, is standing trial on a charge of wounding Wong Chun-lan, with intent to murder and, alternatively, with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The case is before Mr Justice C. W. Beece and a Jury of three men and four women. Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Hastings and Co., is defending Liu. Mr M. Morley-Crowin-Counsel, is prosecuting.

Mr Morley-Crowin told the Jury that Liu started working at the Practical Bookshop in June last year. On December 26, the manager dismissed him without notice.

An hour of notice, however, he gave the accused one month's pay, after first deducting a sum of money Liu owed.

On Staircase

On January 25, Wong, who lived at 66 Queen's Road East, fourth floor, arrived home about 8 p.m. He met Liu on a staircase landing.

The accused was standing on the landing and looking down at him. Before Wong had a chance to speak, Liu, it was alleged, struck him on the head, rendering him unconscious.

Wong was taken to hospital, where he was found to have a fractured skull. An operation was performed. He was discharged on February 16. Liu was arrested on February 3.

Giving evidence, the bookshop manager said the reason he dismissed Liu was because of his low standard of English. A few days after he had dismissed him, Liu came to his room and tried to borrow money. He told Liu to approach him at the shop the following day.

Accordingly, the complainant said, Liu saw him at the shop, but he refused the loan to Liu. A few evenings later, he saw the accused again. The latter asked for a loan of \$10. And he gave it to him.

In Street

Some days later, he again met Liu in the street. Wong went on. Liu asked for a further loan of \$10 and received it.

Regarding the staircase incident of January 25, Wong said that just as he was about to greet Liu, he received a blow on the head.

Cross-examined, Wong said he and the accused had always been on friendly terms while Liu worked in the bookshop. When he dismissed Liu, the latter did not grumble or complain.

Questioned on the first occasion when Liu tried to borrow money from him and he

refused the loan, Wong said Liu did not show any resentment. Asked about the lighting on the staircase, Wong said there was no light on that landing at the time he was attacked. But he said he could recognise the accused because of a reflection of light coming from within the building.

Fleeing Moment

He did not see what Liu used to hit him on the head, Wong said. Liu was wearing a wind-breaker and a cap. The cap peak was pulled right down over his face, but he could still make out who he was because he (witness) was on a lower level.

Wong said the staircase encounter lasted only a fleeting moment. He agreed he was short-sighted, but said that he always wore spectacles and that he could see well with spectacles.

Mr D'Alton asked Wong if he could suggest any reason why Liu, who had had good relations with him, should attack him without a word. Wong said he did not know. Hearing is continuing.

ANZAC DAY AT THE CENOTAPH

Anzac Day was commemorated this morning with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph.

Four sentries drawn from the East Lancashire Regiment took up positions at the corners of the monument. A contingent of the Royal Australian Air Force was drawn up on the western side of the Cenotaph.

A bugler from the East Lancashire, sounded the Last Post after the wreath-laying. One-minute silence was observed and the bugler sounded Reveille.

WREATHS LAID

Wreaths were laid by the following representatives: Anzac Wreath (Mr C. W. Greaves), Commonwealth of Australia (Mr K. Ridley), Australian Residents (Dr Herbert K. Wong), Australian Combined Services (P/Lt I. McLean), British Legion (Mr J. C. M. Greenham), French Ex-Servicemen (Mr P. A. La Roche), New Zealand Residents of Hongkong (Mr K. M. Almond), New Zealand Government (Mr Foss Shannahan), New Zealand Combined Services (Squadron Leader J. C. Stuart, DFC).

Committee To Advise On Stamps

It was notified in the Government Gazette today that the following had been appointed to the Committee to advise on the prize winning entries in the competition for the designs for new issues of Hongkong postage stamps:

Mr A. G. Crook (Acting Postmaster General), the Hon. C. E. M. Terry, the Rev. Fr. R. Zeller, Mr Y. K. Kan, Mr Sing-woo Zao, Mr C. d'Almada (representing the Hongkong Philatelic Society) and Mr J. L. Murray (Public Relations Officer).

Mr J. A. M. Tinson (Acting Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat) and Mr R. L. J. Wright (Production Officer, of Public Relations Office) have been appointed Joint Secretaries to the Committee.

Struck Off

The Government Gazette announced this morning that the name of the Hunkow Ice Works Ltd. had been struck off the register of Companies and the company was dissolved.

The Gazette also notified that two companies, Empire Knitting Mills Ltd. and Hide, Fur and Skin Brokers (Hongkong) Ltd. would, unless cause was shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the companies would be dissolved at the expiration of three months from today.

The new American Consul General, Mr James Byrd Pithers, accompanied by his wife, arrived from Taipei by CAT this morning to assume his post.

WHITE PYTHON NOW HAS CHINESE NAME

By A STAFF REPORTER

"Serata" — the 12-pound, nine-foot white python which was introduced to the Hongkong public by Swissair few days ago, now has a Chinese name.

Mr Allan Prior, a young Hongkong writer who had just put the finishing touches to his English version of the immortal Chinese fairy-tale classic "The White Snake Lady" thinks it most appropriate to name the reptile "Pei Su-ching" or the White Modest Beauty.

"This is the name of a legendary white snake of Chinese fable," Mr Prior said this morning. "The fairy tale has been celebrated in Chinese opera and in many Chinese films from time to time."

The writer and the snake met for the first time this morning and the reptile was christened with the Chinese name.

The White Snake Lady, a new English language version of this immortal Chinese legend will soon be published in Japan. At the same time, Mr Prior revealed, a Toei full-length coloured cartoon film is now being produced based on this story and will be released in June or July in Japan. Arrangements are now being made with Swissair and Mr Peter Ryhiner the hunter-owner of Miss Pei Su-ching to have the python on display in Japan at the premiere of the cartoon.

UNIQUE

Another personality who is interested in the white python is Mr E. Emond, a Fellow of the Zoological Society.

This morning he said the white python was really something unique. "I can find no scientific reference or record about a white python," he said. "To have the opportunity of seeing it is not just once in a lifetime," Mr Emond added. "It is once in a 1,000 years!"

Mr Emond said that the "white" python was not an albino for that would mean that the reptile had pink eyes. "But it has blue eyes. I would say it's a freak of nature like you read about a snake or cow with two heads."

The reptile was put on display on Wednesday afternoon and Swissair had to withdraw it yesterday afternoon on the advice of the Police and Lane Crawford's. The crowd was so large that it was feared that the window might be smashed.

Appointment

The Government Gazette announced this morning that Mr Richard Firkins had been appointed a member of the Dangerous Goods Standing Committee as from April 16 in the absence of Mr R. A. Wicker-son.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, postings, transfers and promotions in the various Government departments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Medical

Miss E.A. Dixon to be Nursing Sister (Psychiatric) as from March 16.

Education

Mr A.P. Hughes to be Education Officer as from March 16.

Public Works

Mr J.T. Blair to be Engineer as from April 16.

Justice

Mr H. H. B. How has been appointed to act as a District Judge as from April 22 upon the departure of Judge James Wicks.

Establishment

The confirmation of Mr R. J. Capern, Briefing Officer, Miss E. S. Booth, Nursing Sister and Miss F. White, Senior Sister Tutor, to their respective permanent and pensionable appointments has been approved.

Chi Pai-Shi Exhibition Reopened

The Chi Pai-Shi exhibition of paintings at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has been reopened for today and tomorrow.

The exhibition attracted over 5,000 people in three days. An additional 50 paintings, including some owned by Mr Richard Shaw and Mrs A. F. Headlam, are now on show.

The China Mail was told this morning that there is a Chi Pai-Shi exhibition at present in the Ethnological Museum in Hainan.

Censors

It was notified in today's Government Gazette that Mrs E. N. Davis ceased to be a member of the panel of censors as from April 1.

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